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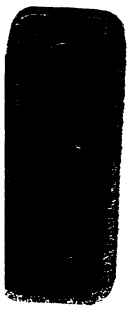

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TRUSTEES

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MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY

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Ackley, Hon. John A.
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BAKER, HON. PHILIP P.
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KEIGHLEY, MRS. MARTHA
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KING, REV. D. H., D. D.
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Reese, Mrs. H. B.
Smith, Mrs. Carrie P.
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SWIFT, MRS. AMELIA E.
TAYLOR, ALEXANDER M.
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Tripp, Miss Doris W.
Tuller, Judge Royal P.
Virgil, Mrs. Laura E.
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Annual Report of the Vineland Historical and Antiquarian Society

For the Year Ending October 13, 1914

MR. PRESIDENT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

The most important event in the history of the Society during the past year was the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of its organization.

This occurred on Tuesday afternoon, January Sixth, 1914 when a public reception was held in the rooms of the Society which was attended by a large number of residents of Vineland and friends from out of town.

In connection with this event a loan Exhibition had been arranged, which, in addition to the Society's various collections attracted much attention.

Some two hundred or more persons availed themselves of this opportunity to visit the Society's pleasant rooms and see the attractive display, offer their congratulations and partake of the generous hospitality.

The second part of the Fiftieth Anniversary consisted of speeches and addresses, commemorative of

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the Society's first half century, interspersed with an attractive musical programme.

This was held on Wednesday evening, January 14, 1914, the assembly hall being well filled with members and friends. A full account of the evenings proceedings will be found appended to this report.

The Society has held regular monthly meetings as usual during the season; a glance at the topics presented will show their historical character with the names of the speakers; they are as follows:

October 14, 1913
Annual Meeting
Election of Officers, business, etc.

November 12, 1913
Charles E. Sheppard, of Bridgeton, N. J.
"Discovery and Early Settlement of Cumberland County"

December, 18, 1913
Joseph A. Conwell
"Vineland's Shade Trees"

January 6, 1914
Fiftieth Anniversary 1864—1914
Public Reception and Loan Exhibition

January 14, 1914
Commemoration of Fiftieth Anniversary
Addresses by

Rev. William M. Gilbert	Frank D. Andrews
Joseph A. Conwell	Judge Royal P. Tuller

Musical Programme
Under leadership of William Kennedy, Jr.

February 14, 1914
J. Alan Schley
President Lincoln's Superiority, Whence Came It?

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March 11, 1914
Charles H. Andrews of Newburyport, Mass.
"Salem Witchcraft"
April 8, 1914
Mrs. Emma L. Andrews of Newburyport, Mass.
"Our Country's Flag"

As has been the custom of the Society, the Anniversary of the founding of Vineland, August Eighth, was duly observed. In response to a general invitation a goodly number of our citizens, and strangers sojourning in the place, visited the Historical Building, some remaining the greater part of the afternoon. The general expression on the part of the visitors was that of interest and appreciation in viewing the exhibits and enjoying the hospitality tendered them.

In the Landis Memorial Room were additional attractions, among them an antique inlaid cabinet upward of three hundred years old. This interesting piece of furniture was obtained by Mr. Landis at Innsbruck, in Tyrol, during one of his European visits. At his death in 1900 it became the property of his sister, Miss Landis, and was by her presented to the Society. She also gave four valuable paintings, the work of the Venetian painter, Bassano, 1510—1590, two paintings by another artist, and two large engravings.

Another important aquisition, the gift of Mrs. H. P. Sayford, is a life sized oil painting of Fernando Cortez, the conqueror of Mexico. These were some of the new features of the Exhibit not before seen by most of the visitors of the afternoon. In addition a special exhibit, loaned for the occasion by Rev. Henry H. Thomas, was

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a fine collection of shells.

A number of photographs of early settlers and later residents have been arranged in frames and placed in the exhibition gallery. The importance of collecting these pictures while it is possible is a feature of the Society's work that should meet with a ready response from all old residents. Among the more prominent Vinelanders whose pictures we have lately acquired, may be mentioned an oil painting of Miss Estelle Tompson, one of Vineland's talented women, who some years ago, removed to California. Crayon portraits of Dr. Aaron Andrew, of Henry Still and Solon S. Gould, photographs of Mr. and Mrs. William Kennedy, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Arnold, Captain Skillman, Captain Beaton Smith, A. F. Gutterson and others.

Several interesting early views and upward of fifty later pictures of Vineland residences and public buildings have also been added to our collection.

A fine selection of Indian arrow points found in Vineland and vicinity from the collection of Harry H. Perkins, a former resident, is an appreciated gift.

Two samplers, dated respectively 1797 and 1818, are recent additions to our collection of these interesting mementos of the past.

One of the first issued five dollar notes of the Vineland National Bank, signed by D. B. Maxham, President and C. H. Anderson, Cashier, is a unique and valuable gift from Mrs. M. E. M. Anderson.

Hon. J. Thompson Baker, M. C. has supplied the library with a number of useful government documents both bound and unbound. Dr. Waldo F. Sawyer has contributed a number of medical works and legislative

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documents. The total number of bound volumes on our shelves is 9,108.

For the past two years no member of the Society has died, this year, however, we are called upon to record the death of a life member of long standing, a man occupying an important position as editor and proprietor of Vineland's principal daily newspaper, the EVENING JOURNAL, having held that position the past thirty-seven years.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN LADD
Born Appleton, Michigan, May 4, 1855
Died Vineland, New Jersey, December 18, 1913

Our membership increases but slowly, few persons appear to care for the past with its wealth of historical treasures; the present only appeals to them, however as the town grows older, we shall look for a greater interest in Vineland's past. With this hopeful view we are storing here the memorials of other days for their use and benefit, and their appreciation shall be our reward.

We are glad to welcome the new residents of our town who find their way into the building and shall be pleased to have such as are interested in the movement for which we stand, join the Society. The various phases of historical work in which a society may engage, is necessarily limited by the number and ability of those so engaged and the means to successfully carry it on.

While this Society has been restricted by these limitations, it has accomplished through its members

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much more than the average society. This series of annual reports, twenty-one in number, well illustrates the development and growth of this Society since its reorganization in 1893; other publications by the Society and its members are valuable contributions to local history.

Although Vineland as a town, cannot boast of any great age, it has with its cosmopolitan population a most interesting past, to preserve a record, printed or written, of the principal events in its history, as well as the lives of the men and women who were active in making it, is one of the tasks for this Society to undertake. It is a pleasure to announce a publication of this character by our Vice president, Dr. Joseph A. Conwell, treating the religious history of the town for the past fifty years.

Since our removal to the new building, the work devolving upon your Secretary has steadily increased, indeed, much that needed attention had to be left undone. It was deemed advisable therefore to employ an assistant and Miss Doris Weaber Tripp was engaged. Miss Tripp entered upon her duties the latter part of April, devoting the afternoon to the service of the Society. In addition to the routine work of the office she has arranged and filed the Vineland newspapers, remaining unbound, and noted and listed the date of all missing numbers. Thousands of magazines and periodicals, the accumulation of twenty years or more, scattered and disarranged by the various change through which they had undergone, were brought together and put in regular order.

A large number of the original bonds of agree-

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ment made with the early purchasers by Mr. Landis were given the Society by the Executrix of his estate. These have been alphabetically arranged and the purchasers name entered in a book (with his former residence when given) date and location of purchase. These bonds of agreement promise to be of great importance in determining the date of settlement of those who early made Vineland their home.

A list of manuscripts and other records in the Society's possession has been compiled, also the names of residents, past and present, whose portrait or photographs are among our collection. Upward of two thousand pamphlets have been catalogued by authors and arranged on the shelves of the upper stack room. The government documents in the stack on the second floor have been, in part rearranged and classified, other improvements have been made and more projected, simplifying the arrangements of the library and rendering the archives and collections more readily accessible.

The Society has now entered upon its second half century with very good prospects for continuing its work in its chosen field.

While the first fifty years were largely a struggle for establishment and maintenance, the coming years, it is hoped, will find the Society in a position to render service to the historical student in pursuit of local and general information, to the citizen who desires to learn more about his own town and the men and women who were instrumental in its upbuilding and to the general public and transient visitors, who, having an hour to spare, may profitably spend it in the building

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viewing the accumulated treasures of the past gathered within its walls.

The movement started fifty years ago, has grown to commanding proportion, and it will continue to grow as the years roll on, valuable gifts and donations finding their way into the possession of the Society until additional room will be necessary to house them.

Already are there promises of notable objects of art and beauty that will enrich our collections; others will come and a larger and finer building by the side of the present one, will be needed for their proper display and preservation. This forward look into the future is no idle dream, but a forecast of what may be accomplished by the Society with careful and economical management.

In conclusion, it is with grateful thanks we acknowledge our indebtedness to the many friends of the Society who have helped in any manner to make the year just completed, one of the most successful in the half century of our existence.

FRANK D. ANDREWS,
Secretary.

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Treasurer's Report

From October 14, 1913 to October 13, 1914

RECEIPTS

October 14, amount brought forward		$1,241.69
From annual dues	$ 18.00	
Received on mortgage	500.00	
Interest on mortgages	727.55	
Interest on School bonds	90.00	
Interest on money deposited	24.93	1,360.48
		$2,602.17

DISBURSEMENTS

Card Cabinet	$20.00
Cards and blank book	3.70
Anniversary expenses	7.42
Painting fence and material	4.88
Gas, new burners, etc.	4.75
Fuel	25.49
G. E. Smith, Annual Report	21.00
H. H. Thomas, labor and material	9.15
Sign for memorial room	1.25
Postage	2.00
Rent of P. O. and safe deposit box	2.50
Subscription to magazine	2.00
Miscellaneous small items	5.38
Miss Doris W. Tripp, salary	90.66
	$200.18

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Purchase of mortgage	$1,800.00	
Transfer	3.25	1,803.25
		$2,003.43

STATEMENT

Deposits:			
Vineland National Bank		$2[illegible]31	
Tradesmens Bank		61.15	
Trust Company		317.06	
Trust Company, check acc't		7.97	
			$602.49
Receipts	$2,602.17		
Disbursements	2,003.[illegible]		598.74
Due Treasurer for money advanced			$3.75
Mortgages:			
A.	$3,500.00		
B.	1,600.00		
C.	2,000.00		
D.	3,000.00		
E.	2,000.00		
F.	1,800.00		
			$13,900.00
School bonds			2,000.00
Bank deposits			598.74
			$16,498.74

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Donations

For the Year ending October 13, 1914

Donors Residents of Vineland unless otherwise noted

Ackley, Hon. John A., 8 volumes, 23 pamphlets, framed oil portrait of Estelle Thompson, 4 framed pictures, 15 photographs, 7 account books, 8 account books Tompkins & Gay, 1 fireman's hat, 1 album of Civil War Generals.

A friend, 17 volumes, 1 sampler, 1 copper lustre pitcher, 5 canes, 1 wedding cape about 1830, 1 brass candlestick, 1 pair old spectacles, 1 pair iron snuffers, 1 glass salt-cellar, 2 glass cup plates, miscellaneous articles.

Alvord, Henry S., 10 pamphlets.

American Association for International Conciliation, New York, N. Y., 8 pamphlets.

American Historical Association, Washington, D. C., 3 volumes.

American Public Health Association, Boston, Mass., 1 pamphlet.

American Telephone and Telegraph Company, New York, N. Y., 1 pamphlet.

American Type Founders Company, Jersey City, N. J., 1 pamphlet.

Anderson, Mrs. Mary M., First $5. note issued by the Vineland National Bank.

Andrews, Mrs. Emma B., 3 pieces antique crockery.

Andrews, Frank D., 22 volumes.

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Antonini, Antonio, 1 drawing.

Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. A. P., 1 antique dish, 1 photograph, printed account of golden wedding.

Ashworth, John P., 3 volumes.

Ayars, Burley W., 1 pamphlet.

Baker, Hon. J. Thompson, Washington, D. C., 68 volumes, 116 pamphlets.

Bartlett, Herbert C., 19 pamphlets.

Bates, Mrs. Ida, Atlantic City, N. J., 1 volume.

Brewer, Charles P., 1 pamphlet.

Bullard, Mrs. J. H., San Jose, Cal., 2 pamphlets.

Bureau of American Ethnology, Washington, D. C., 2 volumes.

Cambridge Historical Society, Cambridge, Mass., 1 pamphlet.

Census Bureau, Washington, D. C., 1 pamphlet.

Centennial Committee, New Orleans, La., 1 pamphlet.

Chamber of Commerce, San Diego, Cal., 1 pamphlet.

Channon, Mrs. Lenora F., 1 photograph, petition for commission government, 1 card of finger prints.

Chicago Historical Society, Chicago, Ill., 2 pamphlets.

Clark, Edward, Winsted, Conn., printed historical sketch.

Cleveland Public Library, Cleveland, O., 1 pamphlet.

Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C., 1 volume.

Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford, Conn., 1 pamphlet.

Conwell, Dr. J. A., pair of tongs.

Division of Public Documents, Washington, D. C., 1 volume, 6 bulletins, 1 map.

Free Public Library, Jersey City, N. J., 1 pamphlet.

Fry, Marcus, 2 volumes.

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Gibbs, Richard, 1 Italian coin.

Gifford, Mrs. Pardon, embroidered vest.

Gutterson, A. F., 1 photograph.

Haigh, Mrs. M. V., child's cap.

Hale, F. S., lady's head dress, 1849, wooden dipper, 1858.

Hendrick, Miss S. C., sampler, 1797, Fremont badge, reward of merit.

Hinds, Noble & Eldridge, New York, N. Y., 1 volume.

Historical Department of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa, 4 periodicals.

Historical Society of old Newbury, Newburyport, Mass., 1 pamphlet.

Hodges, Leroy, Petersburg, Va., 1 pamphlet.

Hollis, Mrs. Fannie, old stone bottle.

Homan, E., newspaper in mourning for Lincoln.

Howe, Miss Carrie, framed picture.

Hudson County Historical Society, Jersey City, N. J., 1 pamphlet.

Hungerford, Newman, Hartford, Conn., 2 pamphlets.

Illinois Commission Half Century Anniversary of Negro Freedom, Chicago, Ill., 1 pamphlet.

Ingram, Rev. George H., Trenton, N. J., 3 periodicals.

Ingram, Miss Nellie, manuscript deed.

Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, D. C., 1 volume.

Keighley, Mrs. Charles, typewritten account of Italian Mission Church.

Kennedy, William, Jr., 1 framed picture, 2 photographs, 1 letter, apprentice's indenture, 1835.

Kennedy, William, Sr., 1 photograph.

Kimball, M. J., 3 volumes, 2 carding implements.

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Ladd, Mrs. B. F., early view of Seventh and Landis, 2 dolls, 1863.

Lake Mohonk Conference, Lake Mohonk, N. Y., 3 pamphlets.

Landis, Charles K., Jr., petition of Vineland Citizens, 1871

Landis, Miss Matilda T., inlaid cabinet from Innsbruck, Tyrol, 6 oil paintings, 2 framed pictures.

Lane, Mrs. Anna, antique snuff box.

Library of Congress, Washington, D. C., 1 volume, 1 pamphlet.

Lodge, Hon. H. C., Washington, D. C., 1 pamphlet.

Louisiana State Museum, New Orleans, La., 1 pamphlet.

Lupton, Mr. and Mrs. Archibald, Shiloh, N. J., 7 photographs.

LaManna, W., 1 bronze medal.

Mason, Mrs. Joseph, 1 volume Mason's Monthly.

Michigan Historical Commission, Lansing, Mich., 2 pamphlets.

Miller, Edwin F., 12 pamphlets, Moody and Sankey handbill, 1876.

Miller, Mrs. Elizabeth I., New York Herald, 1855.

Missouri Historical Society, Columbia, Mo., 4 periodicals.

Morris, Joseph, sign board.

Navy Department, Washington, D. C., 1 volume.

New Brunswick Historical Club, New Brunswick, N. J., 1 pamphlet.

New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, Mass., 1 pamphlet.

New Jersey Geological Survey, Trenton, N. J., 2 volumes, 1 pamphlet.

New Jersey Historical Society, Newark, N. J., 4 periodicals.

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New Jersey State Library, Trenton, N. J., 1 volume.

New York Public Library, New York, N. Y., 6 bulletins.

New York State Historical Association, Glen Falls, N. Y. 1 volume.

New York Stock Exchange, New York, N, Y., 1 pamphlet.

Ohio Archaeological and Historical Society, Columbus, O., 4 periodicals, invitation to dedication.

Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma City, Oklo., 1 periodical.

Perkins, Harry H., Philadelphia, Pa., card of mounted Indian arrow heads, Indian pipe.

Pitts, Elton, 1 curiously shaped stone.

Pratt, Mrs. Sarah, 1 volume.

Progressive Publishing Co., Pitman, N. J., file of South Jersey Progressive.

Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J., 1 pamphlet.

Rutgers College, President of, New Brunswick, N. J., 1 pamphlet

Sawyer, Dr. Waldo F., 34 volumes, 6 pamphlets, 1 engraving, brick from John Fenwick's house, Salem, N. J., wood from that used in making Gen. W. S. Hancock's casket.

Sayford. Mrs. H. P., framed oil painting of Cortez.

Schley, J. Alan, 4 manuscript addresses.

Skillman, Miss Rose, 1 photograph.

Smith, Mrs. Beaton, framed portrait of Capt. Beaton Smith, printed sketch by Mr. Smith, of York, Pa., souvenir spoon.

Smith, G. E., 100 programs for 50th anniversary, 40 pamphlets, photograph views of Vineland, 1911.

Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C., 1 volume 1 pamphlet.

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Smithsonian Institution, U. S. National Museum, Washington, D. C., 2 volumes, 10 bulletins, 1 pamphlet.

Stanisics, Chas. S., framed portrait of Rev. Samuel Scoville..

Stevens, Mayor Benjamin, 3 pamphlets.

Stevenson, George E., picture of Whitney Glass Works, 1 photograph.

Still, Mrs. Mary E., framed portrait of Dr. Aaron Andrew.

Streeter, John J., 1 pamphlet.

Syracuse Public Library, Syracuse, N. Y., 1 bulletin.

Thomas, Rev. Henry H., 5 fossil specimens.

Tower, Wilbur F., old shuttle made in Vermont.

Tripp, Miss Doris W., 1 volume.

U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C., 23 bulletins, 1 pamphlet.

U. S. Life Saving Service, Washington, D. C., 1 volume.

U. S. National Museum, Washington, D. C., 2 pamphlets.

Utah Conservation Commission, Salt Lake City, Utah, 1 pamphlet.

Vineland Free Public Library, 33 volumes.

Vineland Old Home Week Committee, register. 1905 names.

Virgil, Mrs. Laura E., 5 volumes, 5 pamphlets, 3 framed pictures, local weather report.

Walls, Dr. and Mrs. Frank H., framed portrait of Solon S. Gould.

Webb, R. B., 3 medals, 4 badges.

Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, O., 2 pamphlets.

Westphal, G. W., 2 photographs.

Wilbur, Henry W., Swarthmore, Pa., 2 volumes.

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Williams, Miss Jessie, 3 volumes, copy of London Times, 1807, mammoth paper, 1859, ink set.

Wisconsin State Historical Society, Madison, Wis., 4 volumes.

Yale University, New Haven, Conn., 1 pamphlet.

NEWSPAPERS CONTRIBUTED

Vineland Evening Journal (Daily)
Estate of B. F. Ladd, George C. Ladd, Editor

Vineland Republican (Daily)
W. E. Middleton, Editor

The Training School (Monthly)
New Jersey Training School, Vineland, N. J.

Congressional Record
Washington, D. C.

The Gospel Trumpet
Anderson, Ind.

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JANUARY 1864 JANUARY 1914

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

VINELAND HISTORICAL

AND

ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

JANUARY 14, 1914

PROGRAM

1 PIANOFORTE—DUETT "Polonaise Militaire" *Chopin*
Miss Rice and Miss Spence

2 ADDRESS "Our Society—Its Founding and Founders"
Frank D. Andrews, Secretary

3 VOCAL SOLO - - - - - - Mrs. Josephine Nickerson

4 ADDRESS "Our Society for the Public Good"
Rev. Wm. M. Gilbert, President

5 VOCAL SOLO "Ritournelle" *C. Chaminade*
Miss Kennedy

6 ADDRESS "Our Society as a Center of Interest"
Dr. Joseph A. Conwell, Vice President

7 VIOLIN SOLO - - - - - - - - - Miss Kinne

8 ADDRESS "Our Society—Its Future Possibilities"
Judge Royal P. Tuller

9 SINGING by all present

TUNE—"AULD LANG SYNE"

"Brothers and sisters we become,
In touching Vineland's sod,
Inmates of one expansive home,
Children of one true God.
The very *name* of Vineland charms
The weary ones elsewhere—
The beauty of its meaning warms
Desire to breathe its air."

Written in January 1863, by Anna Marie Spaulding, of Vineland, N. J.

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ADDRESS OF FRANK D. ANDREWS

MR. PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE VINELAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—

Fifty years in the life of an organization, a Society like our own, dedicated to the preservation of the history of the community in which it had its birth, is not a long time, it may be said to be but a beginning, a period of establishment with unnumbered years for growth and development.

This formative period whether it be long or short is usually a trying time, for however succesfully the movement is inaugurated, prosperity and success cannot always be maintained; discouragement, if not defeat are sure to come to those in charge.

The history of this Society is no exception to the general rule, for during its first half century it passed through the various phases of existence common to such organizations, and has not only survived, but in the meantime attained a position which it may be said gives assurance of a successful future.

How difficult it has been to reach this point, how great has been the struggle is best known to those who have labored to secure it. While the purpose of this address is to commemorate the achievement of fifty years, I cannot do so without giving due recognition to those who laid the foundation of the Society and nurtured its growth. To them is the credit due and to them are all indebted who have in any manner been benefitted by this organization, a debt easily canceled by doing something equivalent for posterity, something worthy of future regard and appreciation.

What is now Vineland, with its well shaded streets and avenues, its public buildings, churches, schools, stores and manufactories, its neat, comfortable, commodious and even elegant houses, was, fifty years ago, but a beginning, a few scattered buildings on a tract of sixteen thousand acres overgrown with oaks and pines, a little settlement in the wilderness, made possible by a railroad having penetrated the forest connecting it with the great centres of civilization.

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Here on August eighth, 1861, was the first blow struck in the making of a future city, but not until the following year, was much progress made. At the close of 1862 some four score persons, men, women and children comprised nearly all of Vineland's population. During 1863 the population doubled twice, and then doubled again, bringing into the new town men of energy, enterprise, intelligence and ability, some among them coming from long established communities, whose origin was a matter of tradition.

To prevent such a condition in the new settlement and to preserve for posterity a record of current events with some account of the men and women who were foremost in its development, an Historical Society was proposed, the second in the State. This unheard of thing, the organization of such a Society in a town but little more than two years old actually took place on the sixth of January 1864.

On the evening of that day there assembled in the school house then used as a public hall, standing on the lot now occupied by the Grove House, a number of the citizens of Vineland, met for the purpose of organizing an Historical Society. Cornelius B. Campbell was called to the chair, and Hosea Allen chosen Secretary. Remarks on the nature and object of such a Society were followed by a free interchange of thought by those attending.

The advantages of such a Society must have appealed to those present for we find on the records that they decided to organize and take the name of the Vineland Historical and Antiquarian Society. The Society formed under such unusual circumstances presented the following preamble: whereas, "It may be interesting and instructive to those who come after us, that we should make a permanent record of the more interesting events transpiring among us, including biographical sketches of the earlier inhabitants, and that we should also collect the most important events of the former history of Vineland and its vicinity, and preserve specimens of vegetable, mineral and other productions.

A constitution and by laws were adopted to which the members affixed their signatures. After organization, the following officers were chosen: Cornelius B. Campbell, President, Timothy Hoyt, Vice President, Hosea Allen, Secretary, O. D. Graves, Assistant Secretary, George Pearson, Treasurer, Messrs. Campbell, Graves and Pearson declining to serve, Joseph W. Morton, Mrs. William Bridges and Mrs. O. D. Graves were elected to fill the vacancies. The Society now prepared for active work, committees were appointed to procure biographical sketches of the early settlers, written accounts of the various organizations and records of the more important events

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for preservation among its archives.

At the Society's first fall meeting arrangements were made for a course of lectures. At the Annual Meeting in 1865, J. C. Parsons succeeded Mr. Morton as President.

The Sixth Anniversary of Vineland's birthday was observed by the Society in Plum Street Hall on Tuesday evening, August Eighth 1867. The object and intention of the Society was explained by D. W. Allen. C. B. Campbell read a poem written for the occasion by Mrs. Edget. Prof. Marcius Willson spoke of the past, present and future of Vineland. William Channing Richardson, the first child born in Vineland, was presented to the audience amid much applause. Charles K. Landis, the Founder, then addressed the meeting, relating interesting incidents and anecdotes of the early settlement.

A resolution offered by C. B. Campbell, to the effect that August Eighth be hereafter annually observed as a holiday in Vineland, was adopted.

At the Annual Meeting in 1868, Dr. John Ingram was elected President and D. W. Allen, Secretary. Deeming it advisable to become an incorporated body, articles of incorporation were duly filed and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Cumberland County at Bridgeton.

The trustees at that time were: Prof. Marcius Willson, Dr. John Ingram, C. B. Campbell, Horatio Craine, Dr. Edward S. Lansing, J. C. Parsons and S. G. Sylvester.

In 1868 Mr. Charles K. Landis donated a town lot on Peach Street, the Society bought the adjoining lot, and having purchased the first building erected on the town plot, had it moved to this site.

This enterprise on the part of the Society involved it in debt and after a few years it sold one-half a lot with the building thereon to liquidate its indebtedness.

In 1875 C. B. Campbell was elected Secretary and after the removal of Dr. Ingram to California, Daniel F. Morrill, President.

In May 1890 Mr. C. B. Campbell died. At the Annual meeting, October 10 the present incumbent was elected Secretary and Treasurer. In 1893 Mr. John S. Shepard having become interested in the organization, purchased a lot on South Seventh Street, which he presented to the Society. Mr. Morrill, the President, gave the building in which the Society's property was stored and it was moved thereon. About this building two additional rooms were erected, largely

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through the generosity of Mr. Shepard. Mr. Morrill died August 17, 1900, he was succeeded by Dr. Edwin C. Bidwell and Dr. R. B. Moore was elected Vice President. Rev. William M. Gilbert became President of the Society at the Annual meeting, October 10, 1906.

On this occasion when we have met to commemorate the founders and builders of this Society, to give due recognition to those who have labored for its advancement, to express our grateful appreciation of those who have made it possible to continue, to sustain and carry forward the work in which the Society is engaged. The name which stands most prominent in the early annals of the Society is that of Cornelius Bowman Campbell.

Mr. Campbell was of New England birth, born at Henniker, New Hampshire, October 4, 1818. He was a graduate of Oneida Institute, New York, was ordained a minister of the Congregational Church, preaching for several years at different places in Vermont and New York State finally settling in Clinton, Iowa. He was one of the advocates of temperance and abolition of slavery, speaking and writing for the cause. In Iowa he was one of the station agents on the underground railroad and aided many fugitive slaves in attaining freedom.

Mr. Campbell married in 1856 Mrs. Phoebe T. Wilson of North Easton, New York. After a few years in the West they came East, settling in Vineland on Park Avenue. The town was then less than two years old, it was a scene of great activity, settlers clearing land and building homes. Vineland, under the management of the liberal minded founder, was sure to become a success and people were flocking here from the East and the West.

The importance of recording passing events constantly occurring in the new settlement where there was no newspaper to print them, appealed to Mr. Campbell, who, with others interested in the preservation of local history, set about the establishment of this our Historical Society, late in the year of 1863. Mr. Campbell was chosen President but declined to serve and Joseph W. Morton accepted the office in his place.

Mr. Morton was a native of Luzerne Co. Pa., born June 3, 1821. He married May 1, 1844 Mary Jane Curry, a native of Virginia, and they had several children. He served in the army from August to December 1862, coming to Vineland the following summer locating on Park Avenue near Valley. He taught school and sold land for Mr. Landis. He was the first president of Siloam Cemetery Association as well as the Historical Society and was the founder of Rosen-

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hayn. He left Vineland in 1874 and afterwards became a missionary of the Seventh Day Baptist Society.

Hosea Allen, the first Secretary of this Society was a native of Westfield, Mass. and one of Vineland's early settlers. His son David W. Allen succeeded him in office.

James C. Parsons, the Society's second President was also a native of Massachusettes, born at Gloucester in 1825, coming here in 1862, locating on Landis Avenue and erecting the cottage so long occupied by Mr. Leach. Mr. Parsons afterwards removed to Florida where he died in 1896.

Dr. John Ingram, the third President was a native of Scotland, born near Aberdeen, December 7, 1823. He came to this country locating in Ohio in 1838. He served as a surgeon of the 75th Ohio volunteers in the Civil War from 1863 to 1865, settling in Vineland the later year where he practiced his profession and engaged in scientific pursuits. He removed to California in 1885, dying there, April 5, 1894.

Daniel F. Morrill, born in Amesbury, Mass., May 25, 1817 was the next President. With Mr. C. B. Campbell as Secretary they endeavored to build up the Society and increase its membership. Mr. Campbell gathered the library, the early Vineland newspapers and relics and curiosities into a couple of rooms in his house on Park Avenue, where they remained until after his death in 1890.

These were the officers who were closely associated with the founding and subsequent establishment of the Society during its first quarter century. Of the members who were possibly equally active, a number of individuals prominent in the history of Vineland might be mentioned, among them Mr. and Mrs. Oliver D. Graves, Mr. and Mrs. William Bridges, Prof. Marcius Willson, Dr. J. S. Halsey, Dr. Edward S. Lansing, Dr. T. B. Welch, Nelson C. Luce and many others whose names are unknown to the present generation.

Following the death of Mr. Campbell, the acknowledged founder and leader in 1890, the Society came under new management. At that time it was without a permanent home. Its most valuable possessions were the files of early Vineland Newspapers, a few manuscript records and a library of some 400 volumes. It owned a lot 75 by 150 feet on Peach Street, and in 1893 when the reorganization took place the Society was encumbered with a small debt. At that time when the outlook was not very promising, Mr. John S. Shepard appeared, and through his generosity the Society became the owner of a centrally located lot to which the building donated by Mr. D. F. Morrill, was removed.

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Mr. Shepard, to whom the Society owe so much, was a native of Sharon, Vermont, where he was born in 1810. He came to Vineland in the fall of 1874 and with his estimable wife were well known for their neighborly kindness and deeds of charity. Mr. Shepard's help to the Society when it was so much needed enabled it to gain a foothold toward permanence and hope for better things.

This hope has since been realized through the munificence of Charles K. Landis, who, at his death left a legacy to this Society. A gift that has enabled us to erect this permanent home, a gift which will provide for the future maintenance.

This remarkable man, the "Founder of Vineland," was born in Philadelphia, March 16, 1835. His promotion and development of a model town in the wilderness of South Jersey is too well known to repeat here. Through his efforts he brought into the new settlement men and women of unusual attainments.

His achievements and the memory of those who labored with him will be perpetuated through this Society, whose foundation was laid by Cornelius B. Campbell, fifty years ago, whose continued use fulness was assured by the timely assistance of John S. Shepard, and whose permanent home and future prosperity were made possible by the founder of this ideal town, Charles K. Landis, three men to whom the Society are indebted, and whom we this Fiftieth Anniversary delight to honor.

ADDRESS OF

REV. WILLIAM M. GILBERT

PRESIDENT

On the topic, "Our Society for the Public Good." Mr. Gilbert said in part:

My task is to remind you that our Historical Society is not for a few, nor for a class, but stands for what is needed by all.

What that is, as I now see it, I will state by briefly answering three questions.

1 My first question is, What is the chief value of history? As history is a systematic record of man's doings, we need to have in mind a true, clear notion of why we make, or study, or teach such a record. What is it good for?

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The answer I now give is, that history is a revelation of man. The true and orderly statement, of what people have done, forms a large and essential part of the text book in the study of human nature.

We learn something of human nature by the study of self, by the study of the few people with whom we intimately associate and in other direct ways. But if we would fully and practically appreciate the truth, that, "The proper study of mankind is man," we must study history with its greater numbers, its longer time, its more varied circumstances, its more complex relations and on the whole its more complete story of human life. The human soul is the kernel of history, and all else is but hull or shell.

2 My second question is, What is the chief value of a knowledge of human nature? Every sane mind believes that such knowledge is worth having. Each one needs to have in mind the best answer he can get to the question, Why is it valuable?

The answer which serves my present purpose is, that a knowledge of human nature is an indispensible part of the guide to useful living.

All responsible conduct is the use of self as a part of society. It is learning to use and live with human nature. And as a knowledge of tools and materials is requisite to good workmanship, so a knowledge of self and society is needed for wise living.

We are constantly taught this by the many who comparatively fail because they lack a knowledge of human nature, and also by those who comparatively succeed because of their better knowledge of self and others. The chief value of history is to be found in the usefulness of its students.

3 My third question is, What is the chief value of local history? While our Society is heartily in accord with the study of general history, by its constitution it stands chiefly for the history of Vine land. What is the use of such history?

The answer that seems to me true is, that local history is a near-hand epitome of the history of the world, and it contains a knowledge of man that is specially useful in its locality.

A clear and accurate knowledge of the spiritual and physical forces that have made Vineland, is a knowledge of the human forces that have made all history. History repeats itself because its maker, man, is constantly being repeated.

The local truth serves the local need. The spiritual forces in Columbus that led to the discovery of America, and the spiritual forces in Charles K. Landis that led to the founding of Vineland,

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were very similar. But the true student of both, if a resident of Vineland, can obtain more guiding truth, for his life in Vineland, from the example of Mr. Landis than from the example of Columbus.

The knowledge of human nature found in history is needed by all and all the time. It has been the purpose of this Historical Society, for fifty years, to acquire, preserve and disseminate such knowledge. It will continue to do so, with increasing facilities for the work. We, therefore, justly call it a Society for the public good.

ADDRESS OF
DR. JOSEPH A. CONWELL
VICE PRESIDENT

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AS A CENTER OF INTEREST

This is the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Vineland Historical and Antiquarian Society. During this half century revolutions have taken place. The old has gone, the new has arrived, even language and words have acquired a new meaning. Perhaps the meaning of no word has expanded more than the word "culture." Fifty years ago culture was a luxury, today it is a necessity.

With these changes have come an appreciation that did not formerly exist. Things we once trampled under our feet we now utilize and appropriate to our profit. Things we used to forget we now remember. Our horizon has broadened immensely and the revolutions are still going on.

These facts apply as forcibly, perhaps, to our surroundings when we stand within the walls of a Historical Society as any place we could possibly select. Organizations of this kind are appealing to us with a new meaning. We will doubtless appreciate them more in the future than we do now. If we think it over we realize that an organization such as this, supplies a genuine need of the human impulse—an impulse as old as the race and as wide as the world itself.

The past, the present and the future represent times full orbit and each division maintains a realm of its own. The future is the most promising and fascinating, the present the most active and opportune but the past is the most interesting and is the only teacher. The future may inspire us with desire and hope, the present may invite us to activity and service but it remains for the past with its successes

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and failures, its ups and its downs, to offer us counsel and make us wise.

The record of the achievements and failures of the past are the curriculum of the world's great school, and foolish indeed are those who are unwilling to learn and profit by the lessons it is wont to teach.

This building with its contents is an open book. More than can elsewhere be found, it reveals the history of Vineland from its earliest days to the present time. It will doubtless become true that sooner or later every phase of Vineland's progress and achievements will find visible expression here. It is the ultimate object to make these rooms an epitome of Vineland and its surroundings.

What has already been accomplished is a credit and satisfaction to all concerned. Men and women who made their own interests and Vineland's fortunes a common lot, founded this Society. From its beginning, fifty years ago, it has received the friendly support and loyal service of those to whom Vineland's growth and success have been a delight.

Perhaps the first thought of most people regarding the Historical Society is one of sentiment. A large percentage of those who visit these rooms are doubtless drawn here through sentimental influences. The practical usefulness of what is here exhibited is too often overlooked. The true scope of this society is to unite sentiment with the material.

If this society can do this, it will becomea center of interest and exist for a useful purpose. A living wholesome sentiment favorable to local interests is always a valuable asset to any community. An intelligent and live sentiment is an essential part of patriotism and devoted citizenship. Out of it grows the best in government and the sane and safe in progress. Rob the popular heart, mind and soul of sentiment and the purest motives as well as the strongest impulses are gone.

While much of history consists of cold facts, the quality that makes it worth while is a mixing of sentiment. There stands in Scotland a humble straw-roofed, floorless peasants cottage. More than one hundred and fifty years ago within its crude walls Robert Burns, the poet was born. From his soul there came forth a flame that rekindled the sentiment of the world. His poetic genius was like a fountain from which people of every tongue and clime drank and were enobled and satisfied.

It is claimed that 30,000 travellers each year seek that humble

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cottage to cross its threshold. Why? Sentiment! Bobbie Burns was born there! These thousands of pilgrims return to their homes refreshed and amply repaid. In visiting this now famous historic shrine they have sought and found that which feeds a longing of the soul, born and treasured in every human breast.

When we visited these rooms to see the special exhibits last week we all found something to gratify our individual taste. Some were attracted by one exhibit and some by another. To all of us the chief attraction no doubt was due to sentiment.

For one, I am willing to admit this to be true. When I saw an old sugar bowl among the exhibits almost exactly like the one that was in the cupboard and from which was dispensed the sweetness of my childhood home it had a special charm to me. I was immediately tempted to rattle its lid to learn if the noise was the same as the sugar bowl rattle that my mother knew so well.

Art and music, current customs and fashions are rnled by sentiment. The happy blend of the visible and the invisible in our homes and in our social life is based upon sentiment. It is the universal language of the heart. Nothing so inspires the hand of the artist or charms the mind of the poet. Under its magic spell fact and fancy run their race together and love and friendship in happy unison sing their sweetest melodies and pluck their most fragrant flowers.

There are few towns where local sentiment and spirit have been so constantly in evidence as in the career of Vineland. How often do we hear of the spirit of Vineland's founders. How much has local pride and local sentiment had to do in making our town beautiful, attractive and lawabiding? What an influance the temperance sentiment of Vineland has exerted beyond its own borders. A business man living elsewhere but owning property here, recently told me that the commercial spirit of Vineland is not equaled by any other town in South Jersey. The spirit of enterprise and thrift has for fifty years been constant and increasingly pronounced and has spread a contageous influence over the state.

The people of this community are to be congratulated upon the fact that the Historical Society is so well equipped to perpetuate the Vineland spirit as well as our material progress.

We, of course, must admit that Vineland has a dead past but let this be buried. We must also admit that Vineland has a history rich in wise initiative, intelligent energy and genuine achievement. Let us determine that these things shall live.

It was John Ruskin who said that an artist could paint a man's

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face so life-like that the house cat would recognize it, and yet the picture fail to represent the real countenance of the subject. He also said that an artist could paint a man's face and only give the barest outlines and yet through the exercise of his genius reveal the temperament, the character and the soul that lived within.

This principle is the proper basis to guide the work and aims of a Society of this kind. A motto should be, "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, bring them here where they can be seen and heard and read, so that visitors no matter from whence they come can 'think on these things.' "

What I have said so far is simply a text. A sermon from me is unnecessary and would be out of place. The sermon is being preached, by the Historical Society itself, by what it has done and is doing, far more eloquently than is possible through the uttering of words.

The fact that this Society has existed almost from the beginning of the town and has been in sympathy with every genuine improvement and forward effort, either public or private, shows an encouragement to success in Vineland that has few parallels elsewhere.

When the founder of Vineland endowed this Society he made possible a new era of interest and usefulness in its history. Mr. Landis was a *seer* and could anticipate the value of possibilities unseen and undeveloped. In his planning he invaded the future and was willing to patiently wait until the people lived up to his ideals. It is for us to make of this Society the centre of interest of which he evidently had a vision. He was a sower of seeds. It is for us to be reapers of the harvest. This building should be a garner house in which should be stored gifts representing first fruits and finished products. This building is a model of its kind. Its substantial exterior and its beautiful interior makes of it a conspicuous feature of the town. It has been built for the purpose and not only admirably meets the needs of the Society but adds a dignified charm to the entire scope of activity in which the organization is engaged. This building I am assured is the best structure in the state devoted to historical purposes.

The exhibits deposited here cover a wide scope and represent many stages of progress. No one can carefully go over these cases, acquaint themselves with the many photographs and heirlooms without being impressed by the immense labor and care involved. The

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Historical Library now numbering nearly nine thousand volumes, offers opportunity for much research. The fact that, with few omissions, every newspaper ever printed in Vineland is here and will eventually be bound in volumes, comprise a rich mine of information accessible to all.

The work of developing this exhibit and arranging everything with system and taste has been both ardeous and difficult. This Historical Society celebrates not only an anniversary but an unusual achievement.

Great as the work this Society represents, it has been accomplished almost entirely by one man. The Secretary, Mr. Frank D. Andrews deserves unbounded praise for the years of unselfish devotion he has so freely given to this Society. He is to be numbered among Vineland's genuine benefactors.

ADDRESS OF
JUDGE ROYAL P. TULLER
OUR SOCIETY—ITS FUTURE POSSIBILITIES.

Fifty years ago there gathered in the public school, in the new settlement of Vineland, a number of earnest and broad-minded people, imbued with the thought that those events which were transpiring among them ought to be preserved for the instruction and edification of future generations. They believed that the community which was being founded and built up, had in its plan and people those qualities of solidity in purpose and intelligence in direction which make for permanence, and that the town growing from their efforts was to be a leader in thought and educative effort in this part of the State. With a master faith in the mission of the new settlement and of the earnest people who were uniting in the effort to make the "wilderness blossom as the rose," these men and women organized "The Vineland Historical and Antiquarian Society," that they might preserve for future generations the interesting and instructive happenings of the day, and make a permanent record of those events as they were known and understood by those who participated in them.

The purposes of the Society are declared in the Preamble to the Constitution as follows: "Whereas it may be interesting and instruc-

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tive to those who come after us, that we should make a permanent record of the now interesting events transpiring among us." And we, of this succeeding generation, are now here to record our indebtedness to them for their wise foresight in perpetuating this record and in their faithfulness in preserving it in such detail for our study. We, of this day, ought to show our appreciation of the efforts of those who organized this institution by equal fidelity in performance and faithfulness of effort in order that the future generations may likewise be "interested and instructed" by that which we may cause to be recorded of the events transpiring in our day. Although some of the events may seem trivial and scarcely worthy of record on the pages of history, yet we must not forget that life is made up mostly of small things, and in them do we find the real life of a people. For instance, it seems scarcely a matter of importance that this generation should be interested in the Christmas gathering at the Hotel Magnolia in the year 1863, or the first huckleberry picnic in the new settlement; but it is in these very incidents that we discover those things which entered into the real and intimate lives of the people.

In those days the records of this society show that the splendid men and women of its membership did not rest content merely in gathering together records of the events then transpiring, but they in their meeting, originated the events themselves; that is to say, they took up for discussion those subjects which were of vital importance to the growth and welfare of the community, and when conclusions were arrived at, appointed committees to further the ends proposed. They added to these duties the securing of speakers for the entertainment of the people, and first among those who responded, not, however, to the call of the Society, but for the intellectual enrichment of the community, were Wendell Philips, Horace Greeley and Susan B. Anthony. Great names. And some of us here can remember with more or less distinctness and pleasure listening to these leaders of thought during and immediately after the Civil War.

This Society, in its early history, took active part in, and in many cases instituted the public and social activities of the town. One instance of this will suffice. It was in the deliberations of the members of this Society that the birthday celebration of Vineland originated, and it was on the sixth birthday in 1867 that the movement so originated to make the day an annual holiday, was confirmed at old Plum Street Hall.

I do not want to leave the consideration of the early days of this institution without calling attention to some of the names appearing upon the early roll, and offering a tribute to one or two of those

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whose special effort and fidelity preserved the Society through many days of trial and discouragement.

At the head of the list stands the name of Cornelius B. Campbell, a man of quiet but determined character, to whose unsparing and disinterested devotion the people of this town owe a debt of gratitude little understood or appreciated by them. In his unassuming make-up there was just such a tenacity of purpose and intelligence of execution needed by the ambitious scheme left to his direction. How worthily he performed the task the records of the Society, and the fact that we are today here commemorating its birth, are sufficient evidence. As its most active promoter, Mr. Campbell was worthily seconded by that other sturdy New Englander, Hosea Allen, who, as Secretary, supplemented his efforts in every way. Contemporary with them were George Pearson, James C. Parsons, Oliver D. Graves, David W. Allen and George W. Pryor. To all of whom the Society are indebted for their disinterested labors. Following these were such men as Dr. E. C. Bidwell, Dr. John Ingram, Cornelius B. Bagster and many others who added their efforts in keeping the Society alive and in keeping the records up to date. Of the later days and the services of the present Secretary, Mr. Frank D. Andrews, too much cannot be said. The present commanding place of this Society is largely due to his untiring activity and self sacrificing devotion.

To another must also be attributed the highest need of praise for the great service he has rendered the town of Vineland in making the present financial condition of the Society what it is and giving to it this splendid monument of his generosity, wherein we now commemorate the semi-centennial of our existence as an institution. I refer to the late Mr. Charles K. Landis.

So much for the past and present. What of the future?

As we look into the future we see a town grown into a city, with its increasing and cosmopolitan population, expanding commerce and the diversity of its interests, leading it into a commanding place among the municipalities of the State. As in the past, a leader in thought and progress, with schools for the education of its young, second to none in equipment and training, and with a people filled with pride in its institutions and its prosperity. In such a community and among such a people an institution of the character of "The Vineland Historical and Antiquarian Society" must take a foremost place. When it comes, even now, to be understood that within the walls of this building there is a library of several thousand volumes, touching upon almost every topic, and open to the student of

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affairs at all convenient hours, it must draw attention to the great use the Society is capable of performing at this time. What then may be its usefulness in the future, when it shall have grown to many times its present size and shall possess a library of large proportions and records of inestimable value. Not alone to the student of local affairs but to the student of national and world events will the value increase with the years.

It is said that "History is the memory of the race." In such archives as this of our Society has this memory been husbanded and developed in all ages. From the remotest day depositories in some form have been established for the preservation of the record of the lives and achievements of the people of each succeeding age. It is written that the Ark of the Covenant was so preserved by Divine Command; first in the tents of Israel and finally in the Temple of Solomon. Thereafter among other and less favored people, was established repositories wherein might be preserved the profane history of the race. The earliest example of a great repository was the library at Alexandria, Egypt, wherein was gathered the knowledge of the then known world. In modern days the Alexandrian Library has been succeeded by the Vatican Library at Rome, Bodlieian at Oxford, and the wonderful museums at London, Paris, Berlin and Washington. To say nothing of the many smaller institutions established of late years throughout the world. Every State and almost every community in this Union, within the last half century, has realized the necessity and the wisdom of preserving in visible form the records of the life of the time. And in the modern depositories must the student of the future look to draw out into use the facts stored in these cells of the "memory of the race."

Let us here, in this beautiful and growing town of Vineland, and at this time determine that this institution of ours shall, in the future, be made a place where all of our citizens as well as our students, may assemble for intellectual and social entertainment; and where the historian and the antiquarian may find a well of information, full and complete, of the records of our own town and of the literature of the world.

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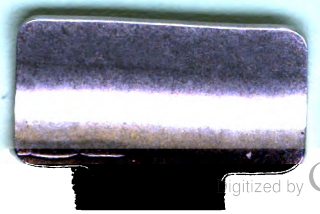

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